

Wilkinson Center Week Starts Today



Focus of student activity on BYU campus is the multi-million dollar Ernest L. Wilkinson Center.



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Largest Building On Campus Means Realization Of Dream

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During a diversity of functions carry for the complex life of its students, its faculty and alumni, the Ernest L. Wilkinson Center is "a dream come true" for many people.

PLACE WHERE classrooming can be put into practice, a student can experience in dealing with others," a student body president described the magnificent building.

In 118 hours a week, the center provides the facilities as well as atmosphere for spiritual, educational and recreational activities.

TH A FLOOR space of 304,500 feet on seven levels, the Wilkinson Center accommodates such of interest as a bookstore, a shop, post office, photo studio, games area, bowling, theaters, ballrooms, cafe, and snack bar.

Even wards of the BYU Second meet in the Wilkinson Center staggered schedule throughout day and on Tuesday evenings.

URING THE WEEK, academic action is given in the activity to students taking, such as bowling and dancing, before the day of its reality, 17 years of planning and thousands of man-hours of work were

determine the need for an activity center for the University.

By that time, more than \$80,000 had already been contributed toward a union building by alumni, servicemen, missionaries, faculty and staff members. However, with the consent of the donors, this fund was directed to the construction of the George Albert Smith Fieldhouse.

ACTUAL construction of the "Y" Center didn't begin until June 18, 1961.

With completion of the building due in April of 1964, students had already started speculating on how it would be used and what it would be named.

BY 1963 about 500 names had been submitted for the various memorial rooms in the center. As the students learned about the many facilities the new building would provide, even more names were suggested, and student organizations began making gifts to the yet uncompleted building.

THE BUILDING was completed on April 7, 1964.

At first, the most conspicuous things about the "Y" Center were the size, the confusion caused by squads of workmen who were still laying and polishing floors, and the extraordinary beauty of construction within the building.

THE NEW center at BYU was known by the students to be one of the largest buildings in Utah and also one of the largest college activity centers in the nation. In fact, they soon learned that it was larger

than the combined student unions of Utah State University and the University of Utah.

Another reason to be proud was that in the construction of such a magnificent edifice, 80 percent of the \$6,755,000 was provided by the students themselves. And by the time the building was dedicated, on April 2, 1965, it had been completely paid for.

Art Sale during Wilkinson Center Week will start on Wednesday. Preparing for the sale is Larry Prestwich, a graduate assistant from the Art Department. Items are now being collected in 321 Wilkinson Center.



Want To Get Acquainted ELWC Features Activities

Highlighting the activities of Wilkinson Center Week will be an art sale running Wednesday through Friday, according to Irene Franklin, activity chairman of the Wilkinson Center Hospitality Committee.

THE ART SALE will be in Ballrooms 3 and 4 of the Wilkinson Center, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students wishing to submit items for sale should do so between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday and Tuesday in 321 Wilkinson Center.

"THE PURPOSE for the week of activities is to acquaint the student body with the Wilkinson Center," said Larry Pulsipher, publicity chairman of the Hospitality Committee.

An Indian display will be held in the step-down lounge, Monday through Friday.

TOURS OF THE Wilkinson Center will be conducted beginning at

12 noon, Monday through Friday. Information about the tours may be obtained at the main desk in the Center.

Hamburgers and desserts will be given away by the BYU Food Services and free movie passes will be awarded to students answering questions about the Wilkinson Center.

BOWLING, CHESS and table tennis tournaments will take place in the game room, and prizes will be given to the winners of the contests. The grand prize to be given Thursday at the Moonlight Mixed Couples tournament will be a 16 x 20 color portrait, compliments of the BYU Photo Studio.

Registration for the tournaments begins Monday at 10 a.m. at the main desk of the games room. An entry fee of 50 cents will be charged for bowling and 15 cents for table tennis.

ON MONDAY from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Memorial Lounge in the Wilkinson Center a culture night will be sponsored by the Yalldnom Culture Unit. Refreshments will be served. The table tennis tournament will begin at 7 p.m., also.

On Wednesday the chess tournament will be in the games area at 6 p.m. and the art sale will begin. At 8 p.m., a variety show will be presented by the Program Bureau in the Memorial Lounge.

THURSDAY WILL SEE the beginning of the Moonlight Mixed Doubles in the games area at 7 p.m. Later at 8 p.m. the Samuel Hall Society and Chi Triellias will sponsor a fashion show in the Memorial Lounge themed "Cougar Classiques from Dawn to Yawn."

Friday will mark the last day of the Wilkinson Center Week. Three 15-minute shows will be presented by the Program Bureau during the intermission of the movies at the Varsity Theatre. A Hobby Shop display will be featured in 122 in the Center. The Art Sale will close at 4 p.m.



Wilkinson Center Information Desk serves as a mecca for all strangers on campus as well as BYU students who feel the urge to be informed.



Who wouldn't want to be sold a camera by this attractive Bookstore employee? Here, she demonstrates one of many cameras sold at the bookstore to this admiring BYU man—who probably didn't come to buy a camera. But it's definitely worth it.



Wilkinson Center Hobby Shop affords both faculty and students opportunity to work with arts and crafts. Here, intricate ceramic work is being done and will eventually depict the Nativity.



Wilkinson Center cafeteria employs one of the finest culinary staffs in the Intermountain Area. In the above picture chefs prepare chicken for the next meal. The entire operation is under the supervision of the BYU Food Services.



Infamous Diamond Deck at Wilkinson Center has seen many a couple just like the one above take "that" final step. The observation deck, on the seventh floor, provides a breathtaking view of Provo and Utah Valley.



With a look of grim determination, Wilkinson Center Student Coordinator LaVar Rockwood sends a wicked hook down one of the games Center alleys. Bowling lanes provide recreation for hundreds of students at Brigham Young University.



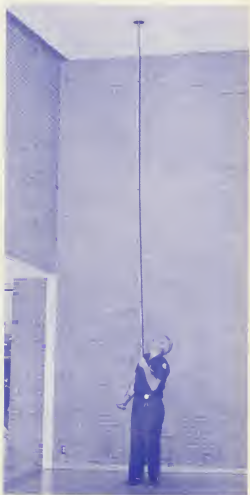
While some wait for their ice cream or their special dessert, others finish their choice of delicious food served through the Snack Bar in the Wilkinson Center. About 7,000 hamburgers are prepared each week here.



This pretty co-ed plans to do a lot of studying, as evidenced by the mammoth stock of books presented at the check-out stand. From candy bars to tape recorders, the BYU Bookstore handles an average 35,000 sales a week.



Whew! That first step was a loooong one. Elevator repairman looks discouragingly down on helpless student who just happened to take that initial step. Elevators must be kept in constant apple-pie order to avoid costly delays.



Some people go to extreme lengths to put in a light bulb. Wilkinson Center custodian goes about task in unusual way as nearly all lights are recessed into the ceilings.

Wilkinson Leads Full Life As Leader, Educator, Builders

by Elaine Hansen
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President Ernest L. Wilkinson has led an active and productive life dedicated to service. He has contributed to his profession as a lawyer, to his Church as a leader and to the BYU as an educator and a friend.

HE IS A NATIVE Utahn, born in Ogden on May 4, 1899. It was there where he began his life-long career of leadership and service, by serving two terms as studentbody president of Weber Academy and College. Then, when he transferred to BYU in 1921, he became president of his class, continuing to receive high honors for his excellent work.

At George Washington University, he was elected class president. He also attended Harvard University on a scholarship offered to him because of his achievements.

AFTER HIS schooling, he launched into a brilliant 16-year law career, starting out teaching, and ending up in practice. Then in 1961 he stepped from his law career, ignoring the material fortunes it offered him, to accept the presidency of BYU. Here he saw the opportunity to serve as a leader of youth.

During his term as seventh president of the University, BYU has grown rapidly. Enrollment has increased from approximately 5,000 to this year's 19,000-plus; the faculty has tripled; the number of faculty members holding doctorates has risen to over fifty percent; the number of colleges has increased from five to eleven; an Air Force ROTC unit has been organized; a college of nursing and a college of physical and engineering sciences have been added.

THE PHYSICAL campus has grown markedly with the completion of over eighty major buildings, the Wilkinson Center included.

Other beautiful structures are: the Abraham O. Smoot Administration and General Services Building, the J. Reuben Clark, Jr. Library, the Franklin S. Hare Fine Arts Center, the newly dedicated Stephen L. Richards Physical Education Building, the Joseph Fielding Smith Family Living Center, the David O. McKay Building, the Deseret Halls, Helaman Halls, Heritage Halls, Wymont Terrace and the gigantic new stadium. It is indeed fitting that this new student building be named in honor of the President.

PRESIDENT Wilkinson has devoted a great part of his life to the youth of America, he himself having five children. He and Mrs. Wilkinson, the former Alice Ludlow, are the parents of three sons and two daughters. They are Ernest Ludlow Wilkinson, M.D., graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical School; David Lawrence Wilkinson, a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, England; Douglas Dwight Wilkinson, an L.D.S. missionary; Mrs. Gordon (Marian) Jensen, graduate of both BYU and the University of Utah; and Mrs. John Knight (Alice) Mangum, also a BYU graduate.

President Wilkinson has always been keenly aware of the problems of the students of BYU, and is always striving to promote solutions for their needs.

AS AN EXAMPLE of his concern for students to achieve success, he is quoted as saying, "It is my hope that all associated with the University may realize the full measure of the potentialities and continue steadfastly on the path indicated by President McKay in individual achievement under the guidance of

God's inspiration, and that they may have as his goal the elevation of humanity through application of knowledge and increased awareness of the reality each of us has toward others."

In looking over his life and the achievements he accomplished he has and is making this part of his own individual life, greatness of the Wilkinson magnifies a great man of our

Pardoe Plans Plaque

The heroic-sized bronze plaque in the Memorial Lounge of the Wilkinson Center is a partial result of a plan initiated in 1949 by Earl Pardoe of the Alumni Association of BYU.

When completed, the plaque feature the names of men who served their country in World Wars I and II who also attended Brigham Young University.

ACCORDING to Dr. Pardoe, the brochure will be published will also give the names of soldiers.

Planned for the future is a similar memorial for those who lost their lives in the Korean and Viet Nam Wars.

"WE ARE NOT a school to get," Dr. Pardoe remarked, "heroes have left our school given their lives for our country. We want to honor them, and serve their memory for all to know."

Also to be displayed in the Memorial Lounge will be a large collection of letters, medals and decorations awarded to US soldiers who participated in any of the wars. The collection, to be housed in glass-fronted cases, is owned by Allen Morgan, a local dentist, who has been collecting these for a number of years, and who consented to loan them to the Memorial Lounge for this display to honor these valiant men.



Oil portrait of President Ernest L. Wilkinson, by Emil Cossa, was presented to President David O. McKay, and donated to BYU. Painting is located in the Clark Library.

Needing diversion lately?

Activity Center is Center of Activity

"Everything is an emergency," said Mrs. Elva Davis, secretary to Student Coordinator C. LaVar Rockwood, and best friend of every studentbody officer.

STUDENT activities are only a few of the many things that go on every day in the Wilkinson Center. Life in this seven story building is a mixture of romance, emergency and "organized chaos."

Among the many things to do every day in the Wilkinson Center is a visit to the Art Gallery.

A STROLL across the bridge that arches the pond will take a student into the middle of captivating paintings and sculptures. These represent hours of dedicated labor by students and faculty of BYU and other universities.

The display is co-ordinated through the Cultural Office of Student Government.

PERIODICALLY the displays are changed to give an opportunity for all artists to display their work.

Lunch or dinner and dancing in the Skyroom is a new and different date idea. Overlooking the campus, the Skyroom is the perfect place for that special date, or for a lunch with friends.

DECORATED in French Provincial and shades of red, the Skyroom seats 100 people for dinner. Dancing is available on special nights.

The Skyroom also provides access to the Diamond Deck atop the Wilkinson Center for a breathtaking view of Provo and Utah Valley.

A RELAXING afternoon may be spent in one of the stereo listening rooms. One-hundred seventy-three albums, including classical, contemporary, popular, folk, jazz, instrumental and seasonal records are available for listening.

Record requests can be made by students to one of four crews who spin records from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

ACCORDING to these girls, the most requested album is "The

Sound of Music." Also popular are albums by Peter, Paul and Mary; the Lettermen; Henry Mancini; and the 3 D's.

Besides playing albums, the girls who work at the stereo room can give you the schedule of any person on campus, loan out the fan-yan and any best-seller novels.

ON THE FIRST level of the Center, the Barber Shop is the largest facility of its kind in the state of Utah.

Other colleges feature the same service but not on the same scale as BYU, where the barber shop has eight barber chairs and is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

CALL THE SHOP giving a day's notice of your coming and you will

secure an appointment in one of the three reserved chairs. If you are in a hurry, there are five walk-in chairs available.

The most popular cut seems to be the short ivy league, according to Gary Dayton, owner and manager of the shop.

OTHER SERVICES and facilities in the Wilkinson Center include a post office, a ham radio station, a cafeteria and snack bar, bakery and catering service, a games area, a movie theatre and a bookstore.

Lyle Curtis is the Director of the Wilkinson Center. He is assisted by C. LaVar Rockwood, student co-ordinator, and Jay Elmer, business manager. Curtis Wynder is the assistant student co-ordinator, and Bob Christensen is the president of the Operating Board.



Way back when the Wilkinson Center was being built students had visions of an ultra-modern student union. Dream was fulfilled last year when the Center became a

reality. In the picture above, though, it doesn't look like much—with steel girders butting the sky and cranes abounding.

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